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THE STORY OF THE LETTER

Manner in Which De Lome's Epistle Was Secured by Cubans.

BETRAYED BY A CLERK

Canalejas Never Saw the Original.

The Letter Was Secured from the Postoffice at Havana...

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—The Press will print tomorrow what it asserts to be the true version of the acquisition and publication of the letter from Spanish Minister de Lome to Senor Canalejas.

The letter was not stolen from the United States mails, but was secured by an agent of the Cuban junta in the postoffice at Havana.

De Lome wrote the letter in his private residence in Washington instead of at the Spanish legation.

The next day this same person sent word to his Cuban associates in Washington to the effect that he had seen a letter from de Lome to Canalejas.

The clerk in the employ of Minister de Lome saw no more of the letter.

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COWED THE TRAIN ROBBERS.

Had Picked Only One Man When the Passengers Drove Them Away.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Two road agents, armed with revolvers, attempted to hold up the passengers on the Iron Mountain south-bound fast mail train near Bismarck, Mo., early this morning.

The train crew rushed to the coach, and with the assistance of the passengers, some with pistols and others only with their doubled fists, rushed toward the robbers, who first leveled their revolvers toward the crowd and then leaped from the train.

The robbers boarded the cars at Tower Grove station in this city. When the train left Bismarck they suddenly arose and ordered the passengers in the smoker to throw up their hands.

But the order was of no avail, and the culprits fled. A posse gave useless pursuit. The local police and half a dozen sheriffs of southern Missouri are seeking the robbers.

TRIBUTE TO FISHERMEN.

Annual Memorial Services Held at Gloucester.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 13.—Gloucester's annual tribute to lost fishermen was made today. The annual memorial service under the auspices of the Gloucester Fishermen's institute, were held in the First Baptist church this afternoon before a large audience.

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JAPANESE CREWS BECOME RESTLESS

They Make Things Lively for a Steamship.

NARROW ESCAPE OF OFFICERS

Crazed with Rum a Horde of Japanese Sailors Attack the Officers and Passengers of the "Gaelic"—Held at Bay by Forty Englishmen Armed with Walking Sticks—Negotiations to Yuen Chau Fu.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—The Oriental and Occidental Steamship company's steamer Gaelic arrived today from Hong Kong, Yokohama and Honolulu bringing the following Oriental adivices:

The Hong Kong Telegraph says that continual trouble is being reported from vessels manned by Japanese crews, and Japanese resenting any instructions or suggestions from European officers and reserving an especial grudge for European passengers. Several cases have been reported where officers were marked for attack by the Japanese and warned to withdraw from the service the retention of their positions being invariably followed by a murderous attack from ambush by the Japanese enemies.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Partly Cloudy; Southwesterly Winds.

General—Manner in Which de Lome's Letter Was Secured by the Cuban Junta.

Local—Loom Ocheffeld Found Guilty of Arson.

Local—Sermans by Rev. Rogers Israel and Rev. Dr. McLeod.

Editorial—Comment of the Press.

Local—Republicans Confident of Victory at Tomorrow's Election.

Local—West Side and Suburban.

Laekawanna County News.

Neighboring County Happenings.

Diary Studies in New York City.

GIRL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Miss Margaret Gilmore Expired While Visiting Relatives.

Miss Margaret Gilmore, aged 22 years, died yesterday from what the physicians who were hurriedly summoned called "heart disease."

She came here last August, leaving a widowed mother and brothers and sisters in Ireland.

Emerson A. Highfield, welcomed her, Margaret Gilmore lived for a time at the Highfield home, at 224 Mill street.

Then she secured employment in a North Scranton residence, where she has been for several months past.

But to no avail. She died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Dr. Everhart says heart failure was the cause of death.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from the Highfield residence. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

FOY GOT IN THE WRONG PLACE.

Was Taken to the Hospital Instead of the Police Station.

The police had a sort of "take-back-your-gold" experience with the Lackawanna hospital physician last night.

At 7 o'clock a telephone message reached police headquarters in effect imparting the information that a man has been run over by a carriage at the corner of Phelps street and Washington avenue.

Desk Sergeant Ridgeway had scarcely slammed home the transmitter when a gentleman, Professor L. A. Lange, entered the office with a confirmation of the message.

So Sergeant Ridgeway, with Patrolmen John Hawks and Thomas Thomas, boarded the patrol wagon and made for the corner of Phelps and Washington as quickly as the horses could gallop.

Reaching the place they found a big circle of men and boys around the motionless form of a man lying in his road.

Post haste the body was lifted into the patrol wagon and set at a life-saving clip to the Lackawanna hospital.

Reaching this institution the man, with the blood still issuing from his mouth, was given over to Drs. Newbury and Webb, the house physicians, and the horse-coach departed.

A half-hour later the following dialogue passed via the telephone from the hospital to police headquarters:

"Say, is that the police station?"

"Yes."

"Well, for mercy's sake send a squad down here to the hospital and capture this maniac!"

"What maniac?"

"Why, that sick man you fellows loaded onto us. He's raising old Ned!"

So indeed it happened that Patrick Foy, the brick police officer, who recognized the old offender to be, awoke from his stupor and finding himself on a table in the operating room of a hospital with knives and other such things staring him in the face.

He simply let himself loose and owned things.

Patrolmen Hawks and Sartor walked Foy to the police station, where he slept last night. How he was injured has not yet been ascertained.

BUILDING A NEW VAULT.

Force of Men Employed in the Gas and Water Co. Building.

The rattle of brick and the dull thud as the pile landed in a wagon bled with the Volunteer army in Centre street, near Wyoming avenue, last night.

At the lower end was a wagon with horses attached. And down the chute came the bricks.

Inside a levy of workmen were industriously employed in tearing down a big vault, extending from the ground floor to the top of the first story.

It was who kept the chute resounding and the wagon booming.

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COMING WEEK IN CONGRESS

The Hawaiian Question Will Receive Attention of Senate.

VOTE ON CORBETT CASE

Speeches to Be Made on the Subject.

The House Will Enter on Consideration of the Bankruptcy Bill on Wednesday—Democrats and Populists Both Favorable to the Passage of a Voluntary Bill But Oppose a Measure Practically Created to Collect Debts.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Hawaiian annexation treaty will receive the greater share of the senate's attention during the present week.

The friends of the treaty have succeeded in securing quite general assent from senators in charge of other measures that the treaty shall be given practical right of way until the senators who want to speak upon it can be heard and until a vote can be secured which practically will decide its fate.

The Corbett case has right of way, but the probabilities are that an arrangement will be made early in the week whereby a time will be fixed for voting on the Corbett case and that then the consideration of the treaty will be allowed to proceed without material interruptions.

There are still some speeches to be made by the Corbett matter and it may be proceeded with on Monday in case no one is prepared to speak on the treaty.

Senator Pettus has not yet completed his speech in opposition to Corbett. Senators Burrows and Allen also will make opposition speeches, while Senators Hoar and Spooner will address the senate in Mr. Corbett's behalf.

On the treaty there will be speeches in its support by Senators Gorman, Pettus, Money, Lodge and others in support of it, while Senator Pettus has not yet concluded his speech in opposition. It now looks as if the fortification appropriation bill would not be considered this week.

IN THE HOUSE.

The house will on Wednesday enter upon the consideration of the bankruptcy bill, which the majority of the judiciary committee has reported as a substitute for the Nelson bill, passed by the senate at the extra session last summer.

Under the order the bill is to be debated on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of this week and voted upon on Monday next week at 4 o'clock.

The substitute, which the minority contend practically is the old Torrey bill, including both the voluntary and involuntary features, will be opposed by the United Democratic and Populist opposition, but if there is no appreciable defection from the ranks of the majority, the measure will pass.

The Democrats and Populists are both favorable to the passage of a voluntary bankruptcy bill but have always vigorously opposed the Torrey and other bills including an involuntary feature, claiming that its purpose is practically to create a law for the collection of debts.

Tomorrow is district of Columbia day and the bill will be devoted to the consideration of such business as is reported from the committee and a call of committees, and Friday, which is excluded from the other providing for the consideration of the bankruptcy bill, will be devoted to private bills.

BACK FROM EUROPE.

Capt. Hubbel and Mr. Mucklow Had a Successful Trip.

Captain Hubbel, president, and Mr. Mucklow, director, of the Hubbel Electric Lamp company, arrived in New York Saturday noon on the American liner St. Louis from England, where they went to arrange for the sale of the English rights of manufacture. Their mission was not wholly finished, and another trip will be necessary.

A statement in a Scranton paper that the two gentlemen went abroad intending to ask \$250,000 for the rights, that the deal had been closed and that they were returning loaded with English money is untrue.

The English patents they have not been granted, although the application papers have long been properly filed and will guard against infringement. Eventually the patent will probably be secured. Until then the two Scrantonians could only negotiate in New York.

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